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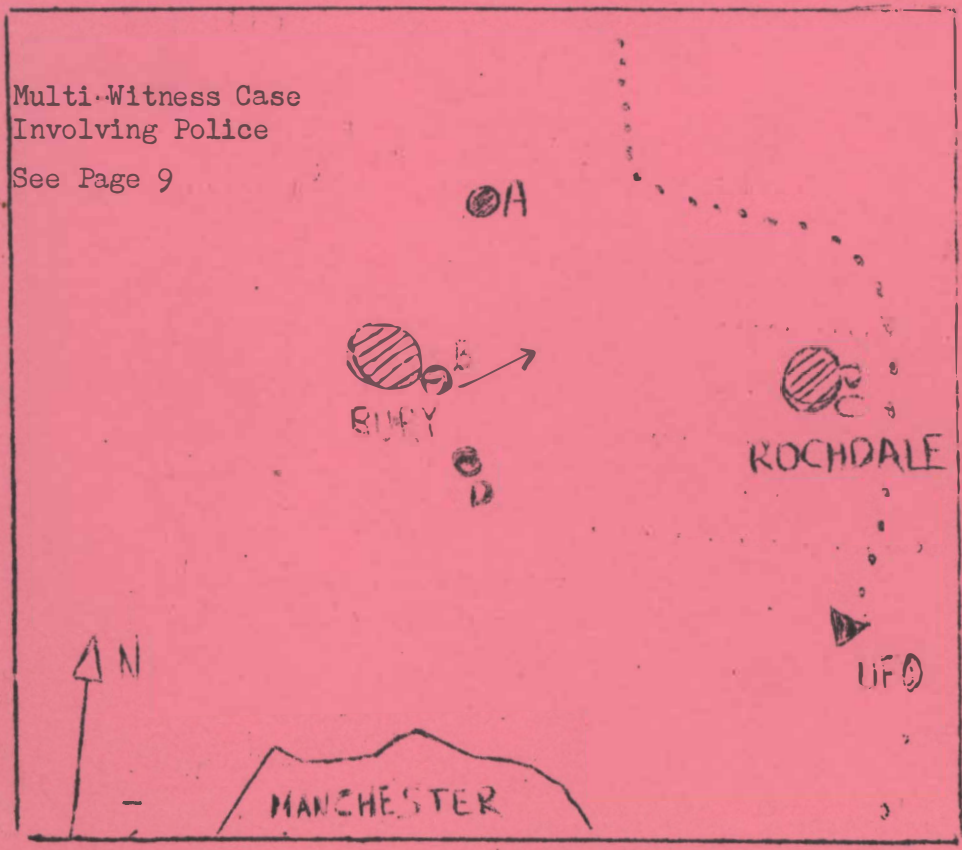

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EDITORIAL: 'The Psych-Saucers'

A lot has been said recently about wether UFOs tr ely are extra-terrestrial in origin.Perhaps the psychic,or psychological element is stronger than we would like to believe.I urge groups to utilise the facilities of the tape library (see P.5) and give a listen to BUFORA Secreta Betty Wood in an excellent talk on this theme.

Many of you will have seen Kreskin,the mentalist,on T\ He has a paperback autobiography out on Coronet called 'Th Amazing World of Kreskin' and one chapter refers to how he used suggestibility on an audience to make them see 'UFOs' This illusion was perpetuated on behalf of Allan Hynek who "believes that the large majority of sightings are complet false and doubts that any UFO has ever landed on earth"Hyn supposedly told him this!! Kreskin talks of the CAREFUL Condon Report which was "predictably ignored by the UFO bu and 'nut' fringe because nothing is more tailor made to OCCULTISTS than silver suited martians."Of course he does not call Hynek a nut for critising this report. Such jibbi is irrelevant,however,since the point is a purely psychol ical stimulus produced reactions typical of those recorded apparantly 'real' sightings.Hynek concludes that there is doubt that a higher proportion of sightings than felt bef can be related to self halucination. This experiment is a valuable one (worth repeating) and throws interesting ligh on UFO 'Flaps' and multiple witness sightings.Careful ques ioning ought to bring this out of a report,but witnesses a bound to unconciously agree on certain points by subsequen discussing.It may also be partly the reason why so much is seen at Warminster on 'Skywatches'.Perception is enhanced, but so is susceptibility. I think it is true that this wh aspect of the phenomena is under-rated,BUT,no matter how powerful,you cannot photograph a suggestion AND it does no leave ground markings.I do not believe at all that Hynek disputes the true phenomena has ever 'landed',or for that matter that Kreskin got past page one of that CAREFUL repo Mind you that is only the opinion of a 'nutty occultist'.

JENNY RANDLES

Two new names to mention this month. Firstly the Sheffield Dinnington & Rotherham UFO Research Association. They are striving to become established in South Yorkshire and NUFON offers every assistance to them. A little further South the Midlands UFO Research Organisation (from Mansfield) have announced their existance, and their not altogether spectacular attempts to form a Midlands Union. The failure of this, due one can but summise to the lethagy of other Midlands groups, is sad. One hopes MURO will continue, especially now that LAPRO are functioning. The two could perhaps do something. In the meantime MURO are cordially invited to participate in NUFON. Down south, incidentally, the Cambridge UFO group are trying to set up a liasion system within the eastern part of the country. We wish them success. It seems that the NUFON message is getting home. Perhaps we shall soon have a network of NUFON like systems throughout the country - happy day! The opening of LAPROs HQ, in an office suite in Leicester, went well so I hear. Such an acquisition is certainly an excellent start for such an ambitious new group. Finally NUFORA and DIGAP are holding a joint open meeting in Manchester, Friends Meetin House (opposite Central Library) on November 14th 7-45pm. It is part of a programme of closer relations between the groups Other Ufologists and the public are welcomed along.

OTHER NEWS

NUFONs international contacts are spreading. A great wealth of interesting data has arrived from the Tasmanian UFO Centre, which hopefully we will have space to publish in the future. Also the Italian group, UHASC, have asked us to enter in to information exchange.

'The Guardian' August 26th carried the story about a member of the British UFO Society who claims to have made 'one of the best sightings ever' of a white light on a special skywatch. Sadly he did not win his £5000 bet with Ladbrokes that it would land and spill out aliens. BUFOS are a new group with some rather unsubstantiated claims, it would seem.

'Manchester Evening News' September 19 claimed that the Adamski mystery was solved. He had photographed the top of a bottle cooler (made in Wigan) - not a Venusian scout ship. It was later revealed, and confirmed by dilligent work of Pete Warrington, that the top was patented in 1957-9 (many years after the photos). Indeed the top was modelled on them!!

Since it is several months since all the northern groups have been together for an informal meeting it has been decided to organise a further one. The date selected is SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15th. It will be in the afternoon (time confirmed) at the Good Companions Public House, Manchester Rd, Warrington. It is close to the railway station and hopefully as many groups as possible will be able to send representitives. The basic theme will be investigation and evaluation. Amongst topics for discussion will be the formation within the NUFON system of a 24 hour call network of investigators for important cases, an evaluations team to evaluate reports, investigator training schemes, additional filing systems on specific aspects of the subject (eg animal & psychological effects, environmental effects etc) to be kept by volunteering individuals to help groups in specific research procts, AND the setting up of a subscription system to all local newspapers in the north. It is hoped groups will come forward with more ideas also.

NUFON TAPE LIBRARY:

This is now operational thanks to the Wirral UFO Society. Full details are available from them (address on page 11) Recent additions, shortly available, are on short term loan from BUFORA and include lectures by CHARLES BOWEN (reviewing the past decade of Ufology), TIM CHILDERHOUSE (Farnborough scientist on satelitte tracking), BETTY WOOD (psychic side of Ufology), PETE THURGOOD (tracking UFOs by rangefinder), TONY PACE (BUFORA Research projects). Many more available also.

THE NUFON MAGAZINE:

Sadly it appears that owing to economics a printed issue is not feasable on other than a sporadic basis. Thanks are due to several groups for their sterling sales efforts (notably LAPRO who did extremely well). Naturally we shall continue our monthly schedule and subscriptions will continue to be honoured. A new subscription rate of £2 for twelve issues will be necessary however in the new year. Meantime efforts will be made to improve quality of production. Ideas welcome.

NUFON REPORT 1975:

To be published Jan 1976. Ideas for improvements on the last report requested please

Recent news from BUFORA is encouraging. Initial steps are now being taken to coordinate their work with Contact UK. As I understand this will take the form of an experimental period of close cooperation on research and investigation. Our own Trevor Whitaker, well renowned for his extensive experience of Ufology, has been asked to take charge of an investigators training programme. Plans are to hold this as a weekend seminar and I believe group investigators will be welcomed also. The new Report Forms are now in final preparation and should be ready very soon. They are of two types, including one with self duplicating paper so that several copies of important reports can be made. These latter ones will be available to groups at cost price and considering their many advantages will be well worth adopting as standard. They will be left blank for YOUR groups name to be included on the heading. The 1975-6 series of lectures has been announced, and as always looks most promissing. It includes Rudy De Groote from Belgium and talks on every conceivable aspect of Ufology. None BUFORA members are able to attend. BUFORA will be pleased to supply a programme.

SOME SUGGESTIONS ON PUBLICITY: Mike Dean & Ken Green WUFOS

Publicity, or at least good publicity, is something which is essential to Ufology. I have noticed that some groups go about the thing in entirely the wrong manner. I am not trying to criticise, but perhaps the following ideas, based on those used by WUFOS might be considered. Believe it or not, local news papers cry out for UFO stories, and usually you will get a good article done - especially if you can supply details of local sightings. The main point is not to be caught by leading questions or foolish answers. It is up to you to turn the interview the way you want it. A good way is to emphasise the more scientific outlook of Ufology. This also applies to radio and TV. Even if you have been promissed 'all the info' your paper has do not wait for them, even if a flap is on YOU must go to THEM. This is one of the failings, I feel, of BUFORAs publicity. They are not willing to go looking for it and FORCE it on a paper. A press release each time your newsletter comes out works wonders, or just a letter mapped out as a release. When you write include a phone number where you can be contacted in the day and another person to be contacted. If they cannot get in touch with you they will forget about it!

This subject of publicity is a very valid one. There is no doubt that if you treat the media right it will be kind to you. The experience of several NUFON groups has shown that local radio is possibly the best manner of putting your case. It has its dangers. You need to be on your toes but at least you have some say in the image that comes across. No matter what you say to a press reporter HE writes the story and he can add as many little green men to it as he likes (and he will if he thinks you are not 'cooky' enough). TV of course is a different matter. Let us hope NUFONs efforts on October 11th (10-50pm BBC2) will be of value to Ufology. We intend to approach it from a purely scientific aspect. We are hoping to cover a great deal in the time alloted. An appeal for nationwide sightings will be made. Reports will be forwarded to the local groups for investigation.

THE RAINHILL CASE: A postscript

A full report of the possible landing of the object by a duck pnd at Rainhill, Merseyside in May was included in the August issue. There is a summarised version in the current BUFORA Journal. Subsequently analysis has been carried out on a piece of metal found at the site. The official report on this states, "I compared the fracture on the sample with that of a known piece of Aluminium. They looked very similar. A portion of the sample and a piece of aluminium melted at the same temperature. Considering the low density and the results of my tests I would be inclined to think that the sample is Aluminium or Aluminium alloy." Thanks are due to Harold Scothern for this report. It is not conclusive in any sense of course. Samples of soil and water were taken, and are apparantly to be sent to NUFON for analysis. If anyone is able to do a quantitative test on the sample, to perhaps check its purity, then please contact Mr Scothern at 8 Stoney View Merseyside L35 9LA.

STOP PRESS: As this issue is going to press it has been learnt that the 'Mystery Helicopter' reports have begun again (a la 1973,74). More next month.

About midnight, on June 10th 1798, a master at the free school in Alnwick, Northumberland, observed a very curious object in the sky, moving between scattered clouds, and presenting a succession of different images as follows:- Initially the object was shaped much like a common star, but soon increased in brightness as it simultaneously changed to the shape of a pestle. It then altered to a hammer like shape and, after briefly passing behind a cloud and re-emerging, finally assumed the appearance of two half moons back to back. By this time it was the brightest object in the sky. It was lost to view behind clouds after being visible for five minutes. The duration of this sighting precludes the object having been a meteor, bolide or fireball, and it certainly was not a comet. It is exceedingly unlikely that any illuminated balloon was passing over Alnwick at the time and date in question, and there seems little doubt this was a genuine UFO. Original details of this interesting event can be found in THE PHILOSOPHICAL MAGAZINE Vol i 1798 (London) P.428-9.

(JB Delair is Secretary of Contact UK. He has kindly agreed to compile a dossier of similar incidents from the north in 1790s. This will be published when complete.)

ANOTHER FROM THE PAST : Urmston AUG 6 1972

An amateur astronomer out viewing and photographing spotted an orange red oblong shape, with steady lights on each end. He tracked it through his guide scope for nearly a minute as it 'glided' north east in absolute silence. He was so amazed he did not take a photograph, though he could have

ONE FOR THE FUTURE:

We are unfortunately not yet in a position to publish full details of a most interesting sighting near Rochdale, on July 11 1975. This involves the sighting of a domed disc moving very fast and a photograph taken of it by a respected official. It is hoped to feature a complete report with the analysis of the photograph and follow up as soon as it is complete.

MULTI-WITNESS CASE INVOLVING POLICE MUFORA REPORT

The report was made on August 16th, and was initially investigated in the very early hours (only a couple of hours after the sighting) by intrepid investigator Jeff Porter. Though basically just a LITS case it is of great interest due to the number of 'qualified' observors.

REPORT

Reference to the map on the cover will identify the various sites involved. At 03-27 a PC in a panda car made a report to control that he had seen a very bright white light moving south. He got out of his car at a desolate spot (Site A) where it was still and silent. There was no noise. In 28 years on the force he had never seen anything like it. At Site B another PC spotted the object (though on different forces and NOT in contact with the other witness). He followed it in his car eastwards as it moved above low cloud and above high. He stopped and got out in the elevated grounds of a hospital and watched it decelleration, hover and head south in a sweeping arc. He said it was definitely triangular and changed to a red colour as it slowed, flashed and blinked red when hovering, and moved in an erratic path. Independantly staff at a Rochdale Hospital (Site C) were seeing a white 'light bulb' and reporting it to the police. A nurse, sister and auxilliary saw it move S and descend, low by the foothills of the Penninnes. The final witnesses were security officers at Site D who saw it only briefly, moving fast. Agreement on description and size (¾ full moon) is remarkable in taped interviews done long before any 'collusion' was possible. There may have been more witnesses but no publicity was given by the media.

ANALYSIS

Weather records were checked right away and owing to extensive cloud cover astronomical factors are ruled out. There was also no wind which means in the quiet locations an aircraft within miles should have been heard. Aircraft movements revealed only one possibility, a flight from Glasgow which should have passed more or less over the area at about 03-32. The first PCs call was timed at five minutes earlier, however, and so the sighting was several minutes before this. MUFORA cannot therefore identify this sighting, but do not absolutely rule out an aircraft.

AUG 8 1975 Burnage,Manchester MUFORA

A strange observation made by two of the groups younger members occured at 23-27.A brassy gold,bird shaped object with an apparant wing span of 4' flew over on a N-NW course with a shimmering effect,but no obvious wing beating.It reappeared at 00-10 for one minute travelling in the oppo site direction.Speculation that it WAS a bird,reflecting street lighting,is countered somewhat by the lack of such illumination over large parts of the area traversed.

AUG 10 1975 BURNLEY RIGAP

Two witnesses reported three dark discs shapes hovering o the skyline for over an hour.RIGAPs investigation has led to the tentative conclusion that they were some type of balloon or kite.Time of sighting 20-20.

AUG 12 1975 YORK BUFORA (Yorks)

Later in the evening,at 23-30,a single witness reported a bright shiny disc shape.The Pagecs main fragment was visible at the time,moving very slowly.

SEPT 18 1975 Holmfirth,Yorks BUFORA (Yorks)

This report came from a lady who observed two domed white objects with a red light below.Superficially it sounds as if it could be an aircraft,but BUFORA are investigating.

SEPT 22 1975 Kirkburton,Yorks BUFORA (Yorks)

Several witnesses independantly reported a bright white light which 'swooped down' over Emley Moor.Its elevation was estimated at 60 deg. and the time 05-30.The satelitte Skylab 1 was in view 05-28 to 05-32 moving se at 50 deg and was at its brightest for some weeks.

SEPT 26 1975 Failsworth,Manchester MUFORA

Mrs Kerr and her two children reported their sighting to MUFORA almost as it was happening,allowing rapid checks to be made.It was a bright white light,with a hazy halo, moving NE.It was pulsing every two seconds and was in view two minutes.No aircraft or satelittes were traced at the time,21-42,but MUFORA are not taking the case further.

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NB: ** Indicates these groups are not yet associated.We hope they will be by next month but include addresses should you wish to open up individual channels with them.

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The above groups would like to hear from anyone who wishes to become a member,or from any individual who would like,in full confidence,to report the sighting of an unusual object

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NUFON would like to hear from any other UFO societies in the north of the British Isles.

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The above details are correct to October 1st 1975

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